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SUBJECT: SUDAN BREAKS RELATIONS WITH LIBYA

1. SPEAKING JULY 6 AT RALLY IN JUBA WHERE HE STOPPED OFF EN ROUTE KHARTOUM FROM PORT LOUIS, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ANNOUNCED THAT SUDAN IS BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LIBYA AND THAT ALL LIBYAN DIPLOMATS WERE BEING ORDERED TO DEPART COUNTRY WITHIN 24 HOURS. ADDITIONAL MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY NIMEIRI WERE THE CESSATION OF ALL AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, A BAN ON LIBYAN OVERFLIGHTS OF SUDANESE TERRITORY, THE DISSOLUTION OF ALL JOINT ECONOMIC PROJECTS, THE TERMINATION OF SECONDMENT OF SUDANESE CIVIL SERVANTS TO LIBYA AND A PROHIBITION ON LIBSEN ROAD TRAFFIC INTO SUDAN.

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2. COMMENT: TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT, I.E., SEVERAL

DAYS AFTER SUDANESE HAD ALREADY ALLEGED MASSIVE EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT, UNRELATED TO ANY NEW REVELATIONS. RATHER, WE SUSPECT THAT NIMEIRI WAS DISPLEASED WITH FAILURE OF OAU TO DEAL HARSHLY WITH LIBYANS (DESPITE LACK OF GOS REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION) AND THEREFORE FELT NEED FOR SOME NEW DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT TO SUSTAIN GOS VERSION OF COUP ORIGINS AND KEEP ISSUE BEFORE WORLD OPINION PENDING UNSC ACTION. BREWER

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